

WI-635  
Gillis-Grier Carriage House  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1887-88

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-635

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Gillis-Grier Carriage House  
other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number Long Lane \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  
city, town Salisbury vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
county Wicomico

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levanthal  
street and number 401 North Division Street telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 838 folio 891  
city, town Salisbury tax map 107 tax parcel 678 tax ID number \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- \_\_\_\_\_ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
\_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
\_\_\_\_\_ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
\_\_\_\_\_ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>_____</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>_____</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>_____</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>_____</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Gillis-Grier carriage house stands on the south side of Long Lane, a service road that intersects North Division Street between East Isabella and William streets in the Newtown Historic District, Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The carriage house is located on the property of the Gillis-Grier house (WI-13). The structure faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. The carriage house has fallen into a deteriorated state.

The ell-shaped frame carriage house is supported on a minimal brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with board-and-batten siding, and the molded battens remain largely intact. The main carriage house is covered with a steeply pitched slate roof, whereas a lateral east side wing is covered by a jerkinhead roof of slate.

The south (main) elevation is a gable-front façade with a pair of carriage doors filling the largest portion of the wall surface. A six-over-six sash window pierces the gable end. The edge of the roof is trimmed with an extended eave with a decorated bargeboard. The bargeboard has a series of round holes cut in its length. Fixed atop the carriage house roof is a cupola featuring a bracketed eave and a distinctive tapered tower with a concave curve to its four sides, which meet at a wood finial point. Two sides of the cupola have louvers.

The west side of the carriage house is defined by a pair of six-over-six sash windows sheltered by a shed roofed hood supported on small circular shaped brackets. The east side is covered largely by the lateral single-story wing, which is also sheathed with board-and-batten siding and features shed roofs over small window openings. Located directly below the jerkinhead roof slope is a small two-over-two sash window that lights the loft.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form, WI-13, 1998.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property ¼ acre  
Acreage of historical setting ¼ acre  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

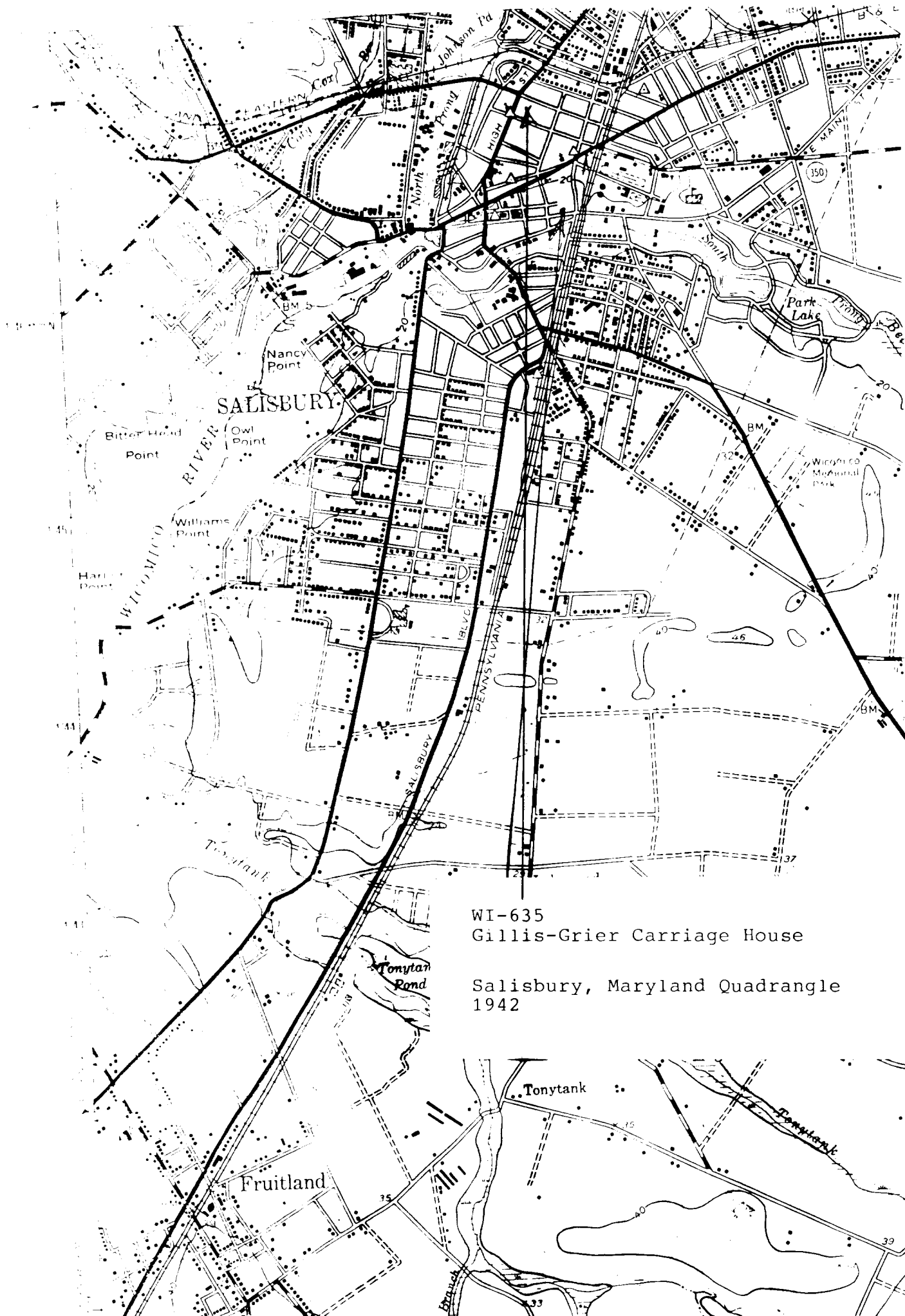
## 11. Form Prepared by

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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
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GILLIS-GRIFFIN HOUSE

SALISBURY, WICOMICO CO., MD

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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SALISBURY, WILMOT CO., MD  
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